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TWO MEN CHARGED IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS **EDISON NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY**

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced the unsealing of an indictment charging Roger Jarok Silva and Frank Rivera with the Armed Bank Robbery of the Edison National Bank in Fort Myers, Florida, on October 30, 2007, and Using a Firearm During a Violent Crime. If convicted, the defendants would face a maximum term of imprisonment of 25 years faces on the Armed Bank Robbery charge and a consecutive mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 7 years to life if convicted on the firearm charge. The defendants would also face a fine of up to \$500,000 and a term of Supervised Release of 5 years. Roger Jarok Silva is 24 years old and is a former resident of Fort Myers. Frank Rivera is 21 years old and is a resident of Fort Myers.

Roger Jarok Silva was arrested by the FBI last night in Houston, Texas. Frank Rivera was arrested by the FBI and Fort Myers Police Department this morning in Fort Myers. Both are currently in the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

The case was investigated by the FBI and the Fort Myers Police Department. Members of the Southwest Florida Regional Bomb Squad disposed of a suspected bomb left behind in the bank by one of the robbers on the day of the robbery. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey F. Michelland.

_____An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.